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*State-wise yearly budget allocation for the existing NCLPs*

*(Rs. in crores)*

| SI. No. | Name of the State | Budget for 2003-2004 |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 25.96 |
| 2. | Bihar | 2.19 |
| 3. | Chhattisgarh | 2.62 |
| 4. | Jharkhand | 3.01 |
| 5. | Karnataka | 3.67 |
| 6. | Madhya Pradesh | 2.19 |
| 7. | Maharashtra | 1.77 |
| 8. | Orissa | 15.99 |
| 9. | Rajasthan | 4.21 |
| 10. | Tamil Nadu | 10.53 |
| 11. | Uttar Pradesh | 13.21 |
| 12. | West Bengal | 7.67 |
| 13. | Punjab | 2.75 |
| | TOTAL: | 95.68 |

**National Highways in Jharkhand**

*249. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of National Highways is very bad in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and what steps have been taken/ proposed to be taken to improve their condition; and

(c) by when the condition of National Highways would be improved?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The National Highways in Jharkhand are maintained in traffic-worthy conditions within the available resources. However, around 856 kms., of State roads were declared as National Highways during Ninth and tenth Plan period and at the time of their

declaration as National Highways, they suffered from inherent deficiencies such as inadequate number of lanes, weak pavement and bridge structure and absence of safety features.

During the last three years, Rs. 156.12 crores have been allocated and Rs. 139.88 crores have been sanctioned for improvement and maintenance works respectively on National Highways in Jharkhand. Besides, 191 kms. length of National Highways are being upgraded to four-lane facility under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) and another 265 kms. of National Highways is proposed for improvement to four-lane facility under Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana (PMBJP).

(c) The improvement of National Highways including those in Jharkhand, is a continuous process and is carried out in a phased manner depending upon the availability of funds and *inter se* priority.

**Scheme for agricultural workers**

*250. SHR IMOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any scheme or considering to pass a comprehensive law for the welfare of the agricultural workers who are particularly in the unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether any scheme is proposed for them; and

(d) at what stage this scheme is pending for implementation at present?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) The Government are implementing 'the Unorganised Sector Workers' Social Security Scheme, 2004 in 50 districts of the country on pilot basis for the workers in the unorganised sector which, *inter-alia,* include agricultural workers.

A proposal regarding enactment of comprehensive law for the welfare of agricultural workers has been under consideration of the Government since 1975. Due to divergent views of the State Governments the matter could not be processed further.